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14 June 1951

General Counsel

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1. We have reviewed the memorandum and the proposed letter to [REDACTED] which you forwarded to us on 12 June 1951. As I understand it, the American ambassador [REDACTED] is aware of your discussions on this subject and since you propose to forward it through the Department of State, I believe there is no impropriety unless State wishes at this time to assume the conduct of the negotiations. Since, however, you state that the intent is to avoid any commitments at this time, I should think an informal discussion between you and [REDACTED] would be preferable. In this connection I think the letter is well phrased to avoid commitment with one exception.

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2. The first paragraph on page 2 speaks of making estimates based on the assumption that we would supplement [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]. It might be preferable to word this somewhat as follows: "If after further consideration it appears desirable to supplement your [REDACTED] with the [REDACTED] we have figures which might be used as a very general estimate of the cost * * *."

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3. Of course the real problem will arise if it appears that we do wish to proceed with the project and can get permission of the [REDACTED]. At that time I assume we would ask the State Department to negotiate a bilateral agreement giving us the best protection we can devise. Such an agreement would require very careful study and we should be pleased to assist you and representatives of the State Department in developing the negotiations.

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General Counsel

Attach: Memo to DD/Plans
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[REDACTED] fr ADO

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